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TENNIS RACQUET EQUIPPED WITH  
A TENNIS BALL RETRIEVER

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This amendment is a preliminary amendment to the captioned application which is a continuation application of 09/655,743.

**Preliminary Amendments to Claims 1-15**

The current claims of this preliminary application are attached as separate sheets hereto.

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